

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE GROUP 2152 PATENT APPLICATION

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For: PROCESS FOR MONITORING THE CONSUMPTIONS OF FRANKING

**MACHINES** 

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 24, 2000, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

## **IN THE CLAIMS**:

Please enter the following amended claims:

Claim 1. (Twice Amended). A process for monitoring the consumptions of a plurality of franking machines through a public communication network, at least one of the franking machines being electrically isolated from the public communications network, the process comprising the steps of: